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TAGS: ENRG IS

SUBJECT: ISRAELI OIL EXPLORATION IN SINAI

1. FAHMY'S CHEF DE CABINET OSAMA EL-BAZ ASKED ME  
TO CALL ON HIM JANUARY 8 TO LISTEN TO FOLLOWING  
ORAL DEMARCHE HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY FONMIN TO  
MAKE ON ISRAELI INTENTIONS TO DEVELOP OIL FIELDS IN SINAI.

2. OSAMA SAID THAT CERTAIN AMOCO OFFICIALS HERE  
HAVE TOLD MINISTER OF PETROLEUM THEY WERE  
INFORMED BY THEIR COMPANY DIRECTOR IN CHICAGO ABOUT  
"SOME PRO-ISRAELI ELEMENTS" WHO ARE TOURING US WITH VIEW  
TO STIMULATING INTEREST IN OIL EXPLORATION IN OCCUPIED SINAI  
SOUTH OF ABU RUDEIS . THEY WERE REPORTING THAT  
ISRAEL HAD DISCOVERED OIL IN THE AREA AND WAS LOOKING  
FOR WAYS TO FINANCE DEVELOPMENT OF THE OIL FIELDS.

3. ACCORDING TO AMOCO OFFICIALS, THESE PRO-  
ISRAELI ELEMENTS HAD CONTACTED AMOCO TO SEEK  
FINANCING FOR SUCH DEVELOPMENT. COMPANY, HOWEVER,  
DECLINED, STATING THAT IT HELD CONCESSION  
THIS AREA BASED ON AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED WITH GOE.

4. OSAMA STATED THAT GOE REQUESTS USG TO USE ITS GOOD  
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OFFICES AND INTERVENE TO PREVENT ISRAEL FROM GOING

AHEAD WITH THESE PLANS WHICH WOULD SERIOUSLY COMPLICATE  
MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO SINAI.

5. I INFORMED OSAMA THAT I WOULD REPORT THIS DEMARCHE  
PROMPTLY.  
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